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## Idaho Milk Production Up 7.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2004 totaled 700 million pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 5.7 percent from January 2004. February 2004 contains one more day than February 2003 due to the leap year. Adjusting February 2003 milk production to account for the extra day results in an increase of 4.0 percent from February 2003. Production for January 2004 totaled 742 million pounds, unchanged from the preliminary estimate and 5.1 percent above January 2003. Average milk production per cow in February 2004 was 1,700 pounds, up 50 pounds from February 2003, but down 100 pounds from January 2004. The average number of milk cows during February was 412,000 head, unchanged from the previous month, but 18,000 head more than February 2003.

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2003. However, adjusting last February's production to account for the additional day causes February milk production to be down 1.8 percent from last year. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was down 1.0 percent from January 2003. The January revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,531 pounds for February, 42 pounds above February 2003. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 91,000 head less than February 2003, but 4,000 head more than January 2004.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, February 2003-2004

| State                 | Milk Cows 1/      |              | Milk Per Cow 2/ |              | Milk Production 2/    |               | 2004 As<br>Percent<br>of 2003 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | 2003              | 2004         | 2003            | 2004         | 2003                  | 2004          |                               |
|                       | <i>1,000 Head</i> |              | <i>Pounds</i>   |              | <i>Million Pounds</i> |               | <i>Percent</i>                |
| Arizona               | 155               | 155          | 1,850           | 1,880        | 287                   | 291           | 101                           |
| California            | 1,676             | 1,705        | 1,655           | 1,680        | 2,774                 | 2,864         | 103                           |
| Florida               | 146               | 139          | 1,290           | 1,375        | 188                   | 191           | 102                           |
| <b>IDAHO</b>          | <b>394</b>        | <b>412</b>   | <b>1,650</b>    | <b>1,700</b> | <b>650</b>            | <b>700</b>    | <b>108</b>                    |
| Illinois              | 114               | 108          | 1,485           | 1,520        | 169                   | 164           | 97                            |
| Indiana               | 147               | 145          | 1,525           | 1,590        | 224                   | 231           | 103                           |
| Iowa                  | 204               | 194          | 1,480           | 1,510        | 302                   | 293           | 97                            |
| Kentucky              | 120               | 112          | 1,000           | 1,025        | 120                   | 115           | 96                            |
| Michigan              | 302               | 299          | 1,590           | 1,670        | 480                   | 499           | 104                           |
| Minnesota             | 480               | 465          | 1,385           | 1,425        | 665                   | 663           | 100                           |
| Missouri              | 133               | 124          | 1,150           | 1,185        | 153                   | 147           | 96                            |
| New Mexico            | 314               | 326          | 1,605           | 1,660        | 504                   | 541           | 107                           |
| New York              | 677               | 660          | 1,400           | 1,400        | 948                   | 924           | 97                            |
| Ohio                  | 260               | 259          | 1,360           | 1,370        | 354                   | 355           | 100                           |
| Pennsylvania          | 588               | 564          | 1,430           | 1,425        | 841                   | 804           | 96                            |
| Texas                 | 320               | 317          | 1,410           | 1,585        | 451                   | 502           | 111                           |
| Vermont               | 152               | 146          | 1,370           | 1,425        | 208                   | 208           | 100                           |
| Virginia              | 116               | 105          | 1,235           | 1,310        | 143                   | 138           | 97                            |
| Washington            | 248               | 240          | 1,750           | 1,790        | 434                   | 430           | 99                            |
| Wisconsin             | 1,265             | 1,245        | 1,370           | 1,415        | 1,733                 | 1,762         | 102                           |
| <b>20 STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>7,811</b>      | <b>7,720</b> | <b>1,489</b>    | <b>1,531</b> | <b>11,628</b>         | <b>11,822</b> | <b>102</b>                    |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

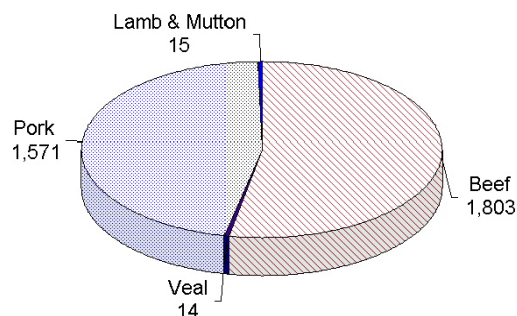
## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 22 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2004 totaled 35.7 million pounds, down 22 percent from last year. February production was also down 12 percent from January's 40.7 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2004 period totaled 76.4 million pounds, down 25 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.40 billion pounds in February, down 3 percent from the 3.50 billion pounds produced in February 2003. Beef production, at 1.80 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.43 million head, down 6 percent from February 2003. The average live weight was 1,233 pounds, down 28 pounds from the previous year. Veal production totaled 14.5 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,500 head, down 14 percent from February 2003. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 19 pounds from last year. Pork production totaled 1.57 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year and a new record high for February. Hog kill totaled 7.89 million head, 3 percent above February 2003. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was down 2 percent from February 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 213,000 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 6 pounds from February a year ago.

January-February red meat production was 7.12 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 12 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb & mutton production was down 3 percent.

**Commercial Red Meat Production 1/  
United States, February 2004**  
Million Pounds



1/ Based on Packers Dressed Weights and Excludes Farm Slaughter  
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## Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States 1/

| State                | February 2003         | January 2004    | February 2004  | February 2004<br>As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup> |              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--------------|
|                      |                       |                 |                | February 2003                                | January 2004 |
|                      | <i>Million Pounds</i> |                 | <i>Percent</i> |  |              |
| California           | 106.5                 | 120.8           | 105.6          | 99   | 87           |
| Colorado             | 155.1                 | 151.0           | 145.0          | 94   | 96           |
| <b>IDAHO</b>         | <b>45.6</b>           | <b>40.7</b>     | <b>35.7</b>    | <b>78</b>                                    | <b>88</b>    |
| Illinois             | 188.4                 | *205.8          | 194.7          | 103  | 95           |
| Iowa                 | 485.2                 | *583.0          | 500.2          | 103  | 86           |
| Kansas               | 428.8                 | 429.3           | 414.9          | 97   | 97           |
| Minnesota            | 180.5                 | *194.3          | 174.0          | 96   | 90           |
| Montana              | 1.2                   | 1.1             | 1.1            | 88   | 101          |
| Nebraska             | 537.9                 | *533.9          | 483.3          | 90   | 91           |
| Nevada               | 0.1                   | 0.1             | 0.1            | 94   | 73           |
| Oklahoma             | 73.0                  | *84.5           | 83.1           | 114  | 98           |
| Oregon               | 3.4                   | 3.1             | 3.1            | 89   | 100          |
| South Dakota         | 76.6                  | *94.5           | 74.0           | 97   | 78           |
| Texas                | 334.8                 | 367.5           | 341.3          | 102  | 93           |
| Utah                 | 38.7                  | 34.8            | 30.7           | 79   | 88           |
| Washington           | 41.2                  | 38.1            | 35.5           | 86   | 93           |
| Wyoming              | 0.5                   | 0.5             | 0.5            | 95   | 85           |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> | <b>3,496.1</b>        | <b>*3,714.0</b> | <b>3,403.4</b> | <b>97</b>                                    | <b>92</b>    |

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

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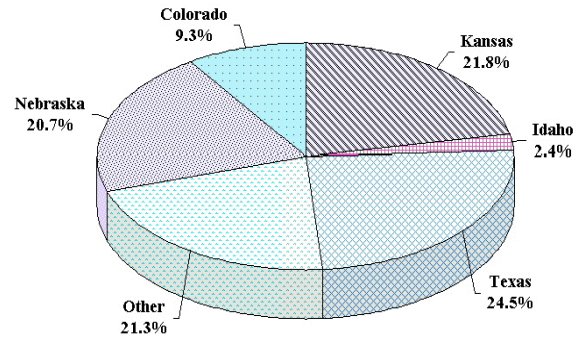
## Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 5 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2004 totaled 265,000 head, down 5 percent from the March 1, 2003 inventory. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand February 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 43,000 head, down 5,000 head from February 2003 placements. Marketings during February totaled 52,000 head, down 5,000 head from February 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.98 million head on March 1, 2004. The inventory was up 4 percent from the 10.55 million head on March 1, 2003 but 5 percent below March 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.61 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 11 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.54 million.

During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 319,000, 600-699 pounds were 351,000, 700-799 pounds were 548,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 392,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.69 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during February, 3 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002.

**Cattle On Feed at 1000+ Capacity Feedlots  
March 1, 2004**



Percents may not add due to rounding

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## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

| State                | March 1, 2003 | February 1, 2004 | March 1, 2004 |               |                  |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
|                      |               |                  | Number        | As % of 2003  | As % of February |
|                      |               | ---1,000 Head--- |               | ---Percent--- |                  |
| Arizona              | 279           | 296              | 295           | 106           | 100              |
| California           | 475           | 500              | 500           | 105           | 100              |
| Colorado             | 990           | 1,040            | 1,020         | 103           | 98               |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | <b>280</b>    | <b>275</b>       | <b>265</b>    | <b>95</b>     | <b>96</b>        |
| Iowa                 | 380           | *385             | 405           | 107           | 105              |
| Kansas               | 2,240         | 2,420            | 2,390         | 107           | 99               |
| Nebraska             | 2,190         | 2,280            | 2,270         | 104           | 100              |
| New Mexico           | 112           | 117              | 112           | 100           | 96               |
| Oklahoma             | 320           | 350              | 335           | 105           | 96               |
| South Dakota         | 215           | 200              | 210           | 98            | 105              |
| Texas                | 2,560         | 2,770            | 2,690         | 105           | 97               |
| Washington           | 180           | 185              | 175           | 97            | 95               |
| Other States         | 325           | 310              | 310           | 95            | 100              |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>10,546</b> | <b>*11,128</b>   | <b>10,977</b> | <b>104</b>    | <b>99</b>        |

<sup>1/</sup>Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. \*Revised.

## Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on February 29, 2004, totaled 932 million pounds, a 3 percent increase from January 31, 2004, but down 2 percent from February 28, 2003. Other frozen potatoes, at 277 million pounds, increased 6 percent from last month and from last year's stocks.

United States stocks of butter on February 29, 2004, totaled 158 million pounds, up 4 percent from the end of the previous month but down 34 percent from February 28, 2003. Of this 158 million pounds, the government owned 1.21 million pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 533 million pounds, up 3 percent from January 31, 2004 but down 1 percent from February 28, 2003. Of the 533 million pounds, the government owned 9.62 million pounds.

| Commodity           | Feb. 28,<br>2003 | Jan. 31,<br>2004 | Feb. 29,<br>2004 | 2004  |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|                     |                  |                  |                  | 2003  |
| <i>1,000 Pounds</i> |                  |                  | <i>Percent</i>   |       |
| POTATOES:           |                  |                  |                  |       |
| French Fries        | 950,492          | 906,579          | 931,552          | 98    |
| Other Frozen        | 260,483          | 260,680          | 277,021          | 106   |
| TOTAL               | 1,210,975        | 1,167,259        | 1,208,573        | 100   |
| DAIRY:              |                  |                  |                  |       |
| Butter              | 239,879          | 152,448          | 157,915          | 66    |
| (Gov't Owned)       | 1,391            | 1,258            | 1,209            | 87    |
| Natural Cheese      |                  |                  |                  |       |
| American, Total     | 538,833          | 518,113          | 533,114          | 99    |
| (Gov't Owned)       | 368              | 9,616            | 9,616            | 2,613 |

## Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 58.0 million cwt, 4.0 million cwt less than on hand March 1, 2003. Disappearance, at 65.2 million cwt, is down from last year's 71.4 million cwt but up from 2001's 62.2 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 2.80 million cwt, below last year's 3.90 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 55.2 million cwt, was 2.90 million cwt less than the amount stored on March 1, 2003.

The 15 major potato States held 167 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, unchanged from a year ago. Disappearance of 237 million cwt from the start of harvest to March 1, is down 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent above two years ago.

### Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on March 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

| STATE        | CROP OF 2002      |                               |   | CROP OF 2003      |                               |  |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|              | PRODUCTION        | TOTAL STOCKS<br>MARCH 1, 2003 | MARCH 1<br>STOCKS AS %<br>OF PRODUCTION | PRODUCTION        | TOTAL STOCKS<br>MARCH 1, 2004 | MARCH 1<br>STOCKS AS %<br>OF<br>PRODUCTION |
|              | <u>1,000 Cwt.</u> |                               | <u>Percent</u>                          | <u>1,000 Cwt.</u> |                               | <u>Percent</u>                             |
| California   | 4,264             | 2,000                         | 47                                      | 3,444             | 1,800                         | 52   |
| Colorado     | 27,885            | 13,100                        | 47                                      | 23,652            | 10,300                        | 44   |
| Idaho        | 133,385           | 62,000                        | 46                                      | 123,180           | 58,000                        | 47   |
| Maine        | 16,960            | 8,000                         | 47                                      | 17,030            | 8,900                         | 52   |
| Michigan     | 13,878            | 4,500                         | 32                                      | 15,015            | 4,700                         | 31   |
| Minnesota    | 18,700            | 7,400                         | 40                                      | 22,330            | 9,600                         | 43   |
| Montana      | 3,224             | 2,800                         | 87                                      | 3,339             | 2,900                         | 87   |
| Nebraska 2/  | 8,611             |                               |   | 9,860             |                               |  |
| New York     | 5,500             | 600                           | 11                                      | 6,510             | 1,500                         | 23   |
| N. Dakota    | 23,460            | 10,000                        | 43                                      | 27,440            | 13,000                        | 47   |
| Ohio 2/      | 903               |                               |   | 1,290             |                               |  |
| Oregon       | 24,936            | 9,900                         | 40                                      | 20,991            | 11,000                        | 52   |
| Pennsylvania | 2,590             | 600                           | 23                                      | 3,915             | 700                           | 18   |
| Washington   | 92,400            | 30,500                        | 33                                      | 93,150            | 29,500                        | 32   |
| Wisconsin    | 31,125            | 11,000                        | 35                                      | 32,800            | 11,000                        | 34   |
| Other States |                   | 2,910                         |   |                   | 3,790                         |  |
| 15 STATES    | 407,821           | 165,310                       | 41                                      | 403,946           | 166,690                       | 41   |

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

2/ Combined into "Other States".

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